

MINUTES of the MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 22 March 2010 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Nicholls - Mayor  
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	C S McClary
B F Angwin	N McFadden (arrived at 7.25 p.m.)
W F East	F Morris
Mrs S James	Mrs S Olds
	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council  
PC Dan Care – Devon & Cornwall Police  
PCSO Andrew Tonkin. Devon & Cornwall Police

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TC. 259 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

TC.260 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 8 March 2010 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

TC.261 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor B F Angwin declared a prejudicial interest in minute number TC. 270 (Wheal Hearle / Balleswidden Agri-Environment Scheme) as a landowner of one of the sites identified and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Stevens declared prejudicial interests in minute no.TC.269 in respect of applications 10-0219-HP and 10-0240-HP as the applicants were known to him. Councillor Stevens agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the applications.

TC.262 REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported that he attended two meetings of the Working Party on 23 February and 9 March to discuss the new Town Guide. He and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting with Richard Hewitt, Cornwall Council on 2 March regarding copyright issues connected with the publication of maps within the new Town Guide. The Mayor had also attended the St Piran's Concert on 5 March, a celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St Just School of Dancing and the Town & Parish Forum on 18 March.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he attended the two Working Party meetings on 23 February and 9 March and the Town & Parish Forum on 18 March.

Councillor Angwin reported that he attended the Working Party meetings on 23 February and 9 March.

Councillor Ms Angove reported that she had attended the Working Party meetings on 23 February and 9 March. Councillor Angove also reported that the battery recycling scheme was working extremely well and that there had been a significant increase in usage.

Councillor Mrs James reported that she had attended the Working Party meetings on 23 February and 9 March. She had also attended two meetings of the Centre of Pendeen, an ordinary meeting on 2 March and its Annual General Meeting on 5 March. A copy of the centre's accounts was handed to the Town Clerk for information. Councillor James also informed the Town Council that she wished to put an item on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting on 12 April concerning the Centre of Pendeen and the Pendeen Residents' Association.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lands End Community Land Trust (LECLT) had taken place on 4 March. Councillor Mrs James, as Chair of the Board confirmed that contrary to the report in the recent edition of the Cornishman, the LECLT was not in discussions about the delivery of affordable homes at Bosavern Farm.

TC.263 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Councillor Goninan reported that he had met with officers of the Independent Configuration Panel to organise the meeting with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 23 March 2010 which would include two days of evidence taking. Members of the Panel had been in Cornwall during early March, as well as at St Just Surgery, to determine the issues involved. The report would be submitted to the Secretary of State on 4 June 2010.

A meeting had been held with the officers responsible for Care Quality Commission inspections of the county's hospitals, acute and community, Primary Care Trust, Cornwall Partnership Trust, which was now a Foundation Trust, and Residential & Nursing Homes.

Councillor Goninan had attended the South West Health Scrutiny Board meeting in Taunton on 16 March, and also a Skin Cancer Workshop in Newquay to identify an action plan to ensure that the public were fully aware of the dangers of the sun. Cornwall had the highest number of cases in the country with significant damage of over exposure in young people.

Boswedden Lane

The report was still with the landowner.

Environmental Day in St Just

Environmental Day would take place on 29 May 2010 and would be officially opened by the portfolio holder for the Environment, Councillor Julian German.

Parking in St Just

Councillor Goninan had participated in an exercise with the local Fire Brigade on 23 February which had also visited Pendeen and Boscaswell. Generally the exercise had been very positive with just one or two areas where there was an issue of double parking, South Place being one of the problem areas. No problems were reported in Regent Terrace, St Just at the time of visiting.

WHS Signage

Councillor Goninan reported that he had unfortunately missed the meeting with Deborah Boden, Cornwall Council. The Town Clerk reported that the meeting had been very positive.

Local Councillor Champions for Elders

Councillor Goninan reported that the project had been launched at the Town & Parish Forum meeting on 18 March 2010.

TC.264 REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER

PC Dan Care gave the Police report for the period from 22 February to 22 March 2010.

There had been ten crimes reported during that period, three assaults, three theft related offences, two offences relating to criminal damage, one burglary and one possession of a bladed article. This compared to seven reported crimes for the same period last year.

PC Care reported that the PACT meeting due to be held on 25 March had been rescheduled for 22 April 2010. The Police appealed for the public to remain vigilant and to report any incidents to the Police using the 08452 777 444 or emergency 999. The public were reminded not to leave messages on the Penzance Station number as there was no guarantee that they would be picked up on time.

TC.265 GEEVOR TIN MINE

Councillor McClary reported that the extension to the Wheal Mexico Tour had commenced and that a meeting of the Geevor Partnership had been arranged to be held on 7 April 2010 and that a programme of meetings had been scheduled.

However, the Trustees were still concerned that a management agreement had still not been produced and that he wished to bring this issue back to the next meeting of the Council for further discussion.

Councillor Goninan explained that the delay in the delivery of the management agreement related to the finalisation of the Gerry Harvey lease and an issue over back rent. Discussions were continuing within Cornwall Council to ascertain whether the money had been paid back

RESOLVED : That

- (1) the progress in respect of the extension to the Wheal Mexico Tour and meetings of the Geevor Partnership be noted; and
- (2) the issue of the delay in the management agreement is brought back to the next meeting of the Town Council on 12 April for further discussion.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.266 ST JUST-IN-BLOOM – TOWN COUNCIL BUILDING

Councillor Goninan explained that St Just-in-Bloom was seeking the Town Council's approval to the erection of hay baskets on the front of the Council offices to improve the floral aspect of the building. This year greater emphasis was to be placed on the floral decorations on the main streets leading into the town and the town square. It was hoped that the addition of the baskets would help to improve the visual impact of the floral displays within the town centre.

RESOLVED: That the erection of hay baskets on the front elevation of the building be supported in principle, subject to the Town Council's final agreement to the design and position of the baskets on the building.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.267 MINUTES OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Town Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Working Party held on 9 March 2010.

In respect of the new edition of the St Just town Guide, the Mayor reported that he had secured £2,300 in advertising revenue from local businesses

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the minutes and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and
- (b) the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to approve expenditure in relation to Ordnance Survey copyright charges for the inclusion of OS based maps in the new edition of the St Just Town Guide.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.268 FINANCE

- (a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Councillor Stevens declared prejudicial interests in respect of applications 10-0219-HP and 10-0240-HP as the applicants were known to him. Councillor Stevens withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the applications.

The Town Council considered applications for financial assistance under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of Pendeen Gig Club and CAB Cornwall.

RESOLVED: That a S.137 grant of £1,250 be awarded to Penden Gig Club and £200 To CAB Cornwall.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £226.49 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Marie Curie Cancer Care and Shelter Cornwall.

TC.269 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**10-0205-TCONS** Felling of pine and leylandi cypress at Sea Cry, Botallack Lane, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. A. Privett. **T CI fully supports.**

**10-0216-HP** Construction of single storey rear extension to provide annexed accommodation at 2, Tregeseal Terrace, St. Just. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Ferrell. **T CI no objection.**

**10-0206-HP** Demolition of garage, construction of double garage on side elevation, conservatory on rear elevation and alterations to windows and doors at Sea Cry, Botallack Lane, Botallack, St. Just for Mr. & Mrs. A. Privett. **T CI fully supports but would prefer to see use of timber framed windows rather than plastic.**

**10-0219-HP** Construction of first floor extension and porch at 5, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Matthew Harradine. **T CI no objection.**

**10-0230-HP** Construction of conservatory and animal shelter at Keigwin, St. Buryan. Applicant Mrs. T. Banfield. **T CI no objection.**

**10-0240-HP** Construction of replacement garage and construction of greenhouse at Little Carn Grean, St. Just. Applicant Mr. Ben Weschke. **T CI no objection.**

**10-0125-CLEUD** Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of existing use of building as two separate dwellings at 6 & 6A Market Square, St. Just. Applicant Ms. Zelah Riley. **T CI no objection.**

Members of the Town Council expressed concern at the lack of preliminary comments from the Planning Officers in respect of the applications under consideration.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be requested to send a letter to Kevin

Moseley, Cornwall Council setting out the Town Council's concerns.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Decisions

**09-1340-LBC** Blocking up of internal doorway at 6, Market Square, St. Just. Applicant Ms. Zelah Riley. **Consent (T Cl no objection)**.

(c) Planning Enforcement Issues in St Just and Pendeen

Item deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Town Council pending the receipt of information from Cornwall Council.

TC.270 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE A MATTER OF URGENCY

Wheal Hearle / Balleswidden Agri-Environment Scheme

Councillor B F Angwin declared a prejudicial interest as a landowner of one of the sites identified and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Goninan informed the Town Council that following further research it had been confirmed that the land on which the Balleswidden Mine Stack stood was in the ownership of Imerys and not Mr Warren as previously reported. As a consequence Cornwall Council was seeking the Town Council's support to negotiations being continued with Imerys to take the agri-environment scheme forward.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports in principle negotiations being held with Imerys as part of the agri-environment scheme.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Code of Conduct Training

The Mayor reported that Code of Conduct training for members of the Town Council had been arranged to be held on the evening of 22 April 2010. A letter would be sent to all those members of the Town Council for which the training was mandatory.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Twinning with Huelgoat, Brittany

The Mayor reported that the official signing of the twinning agreement between St Just and Huelgoat, Brittany would take place at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 27 March 2010 in the Council Chamber. Local organisations and groups had been invited to attend and the Mayor extended an invitation to all members of the Town Council to attend.

TC.271 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

TC.272 QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Clerk presented details of the Town Council's income and expenditure, together with bank account reconciliations for the period 16 November 2009 to 16 March 2010.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

TC.273 LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 3)

The Town Council considered the detail of a proposed local lettings plan for Sennen in connection with the delivery of affordable homes which it felt could be used as a basis of an agreement within St Just.

Councillor Mrs James reported that the Lands End Community Land Trust was currently working on a similar plan and that it would be submitting a proposal to a the Town Council in the near future.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Town Mayor